

KAUA'I EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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8:30 a.m., August 28, Update: Flash Flood Warning extended for Kaua'i; Officials reporting hazardous road conditions

The National Weather Service has extended the Flash Flood Warning for Kaua'i until 11:30 a.m., and a Flash Flood Watch for the island remains in effect through this afternoon.

A Flash Flood Warning means flash flooding is imminent or occurring in streams, roads and low-lying areas. Do not cross fast-flowing or rising water in your vehicle or on foot. The warning may be extended, dropped or modified as conditions develop.

A Flash Flood Watch means that conditions may develop that lead to flash flooding.

Officials are reporting the following hazardous conditions:

- Kūhiō Highway, in the vicinity of the Hanalei Bridge, remains closed.
- The convoy between Waikoko and Wainiha remains closed until further notice.
- Crews are responding to a downed tree and utility poles on Kaumuali'i Highway west of the Halfway Bridge. Police will be assisting with alternating traffic in the area.
- Officials are reporting heavy ponding on Maluhia Road and the bottom of Ōma'o Road.
 Motorists are advised to avoid the area.
- Heavy ponding and hazardous conditions are being reported island wide. Motorists are
 advised to drive with extreme caution. Updates will be given as more information is made
 available.

Officials are announcing the following updates.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Alaka'i O Kaua'i Public Charter School will be closed today due to weather conditions.

The Department of Education announced that Hanalei Elementary School will be closed today, Aug. 28. For students attending Kapa'a Middle School and Kapa'a High School that reside in Hanalei, Wainiha and Hā'ena, bus services will not be operating. Additionally, the satellite school located at the Hanalei Colony Resort is also closed today.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FORMS

All residents are advised to report any damages that have resulted from Hurricane/Tropical Storm Lane, including today's Flash Flood event. If your home was damaged, please visit www.kauai.gov and click on the "Lane Damage Form Aug 2018" icon and fill out a damage assessment form.

The information you provide may be used to determine whether or not certain federal aid is made available to residents of Kaua'i and the State of Hawai'i. Please contact KEMA at (808) 241-1800 if you require assistance with the form.

For updates on road conditions and closures, please call 241-1725. Please do not call Kaua'i police 911 unless you have an emergency.

For weather updates call the National Weather Service automated weather line at 245-6001, or visit the NWS website, www.weather.gov/hawaii.

To sign up for Blackboard Connect, the county's emergency notification service, please go to the county's website, www.kauai.gov, or call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency at 241-1800.

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